I could ask you what you think would happen if we left it up to the judiciary. I do not know the answer; I do not know whether the judges would appoint commissioners in those areas or whether or not the legislature would.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hargrow.

DELEGATE HARGROVE: The reason I am asking the question, Delegate Johnson, is if you leave it up to the legislature to create and pretty much determine commissioners, would it have to be under the provision of the local governments generally throughout the state, a public general law, as well as Baltimore City, where they might not be needed?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I think they would be by law, and therefore I would assume a public general law. Yes, I think that would be true. I do not think that they would have to establish the same number of commissioners in each area, no more than they would have to determine the same number of judges in each area.

As you know, the legislature decides on how many judges there will be in each specific area, and certainly in my opinion, and in the opinion of the minority, they can also decide on how many commissioners there will be in each and every area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? Delegate Rush.

DELEGATE RUSH: Delegate Johnson, yesterday there was a statement made by Delegate Bradshaw that the cost of revising salaries alone in the judicial system in the State of Maryland would cost the State approximately $250,000.

As I am told, in 1959, if we had discarded the magistrate court system and then moved into the municipal court system, which they have there now as moving up to the district court level, the difference in cost I am told was $90,000 in 1959, but in 1966 it is $350,000 worth of salaries being paid only in Baltimore City.

Do you agree with Delegate Bradshaw's statement of $250,000 for the whole State?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Well, I think that Delegate Bradshaw gave us the benefit of the information that he had at hand, but I do not think that it is accurate. I do not think it could possibly be a true picture, because it does not take into consideration the number of judges that there may or may not be. It indicates, in my opinion, a conservative estimate of judges

that will be appointed under this new system, and it likewise does not take into consideration how much it will cost to provide new facilities, particularly district court facilities in all these areas where we do not have them.

I am in favor of a unified judicial court system, but I think that we would be less than honest with ourselves if we did not admit that it is going to cost a great deal of money.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rush.

DELEGATE RUSH: Do you know how large the court that they just recently built in Baltimore City is right now?

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not sure the Chair understands your question, Delegate Rush.

DELEGATE RUSH: The new one they recently built. Did they not recently build or approve one?

THE CHAIRMAN: Baltimore City?

DELEGATE RUSH: Baltimore City, yes.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: We have not built a new court house in Baltimore City, though many of us would like to see that happen. We have not built a new courthouse, that is, on the supreme bench level.

DELEGATE RUSH: They are in the process of building a building, or they have approved one, one single courthouse, for the tune of $14 million. Am I correct in that?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I see what you mean. I think — I may be incorrect about this — the City Council approved and the electorate approved a loan I think of something like $11 million for a new central police station, which will house the court.

Now, how much of the money is attributed to the courtrooms I am not certain about, but certainly several million dollars for the courtroom space in our municipal court level. Yes, I would say that that is so.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rush.

DELEGATE RUSH: And everybody, or a lot of the judges who came before us, or people that came and talked to us in our Committee said that approximately the round figures would be 60,000 people per population, for one district court judge.

Am I correct in that statement?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I think most indicated that was an ideal figure, some-